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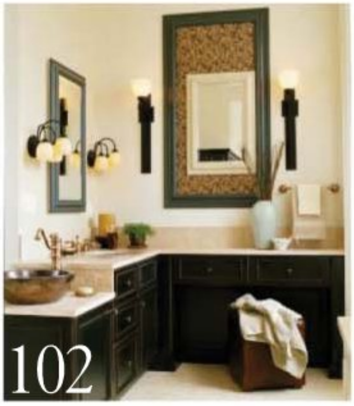
Good Hues

More often than not, *Kitchens & Baths* readers tell me that they love color—but are hesitant to indulge their artistic urges on the walls of their homes. Who can blame them in a world where any given major paint company's offerings include as many as a hundred choices of basic white? (And there's another point of empathy: the names. Soltice Shadow, Happy Sunrise, Ethereal Glow—what do they mean?)

That said, here's a simple way to make choosing compatible hues less of a guessing game. Pick up samples of the colors you like and brush a large test area—two-foot square is good—on several pieces of foam core. Pin them up in the room and see how they look over the course of a day under the changing light conditions. Ask yourself, Does this color harmonize with my cabinetry and counter surfaces; does it visually open up the space or make it cozy? Don't fret if what looked great in the paint store doesn't cut it in your own bath or kitchen. Give yourself credit for trying something new, and head back out to the local home center for a trial-size container of Gypsy Passion.



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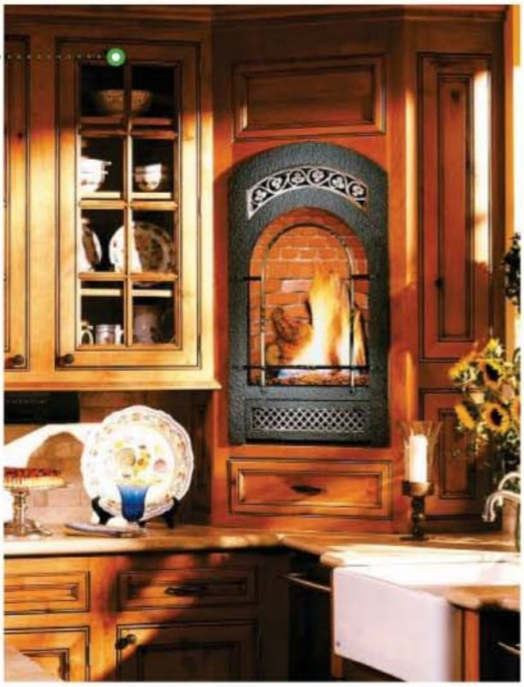

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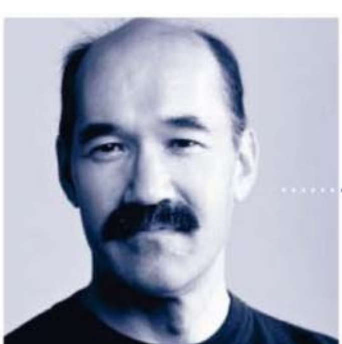
SCOTT STULTZ

Designer, owner of Scott A. Stultz & Associates, Marietta, Pennsylvania

"One of the most important features is a corner that creates space," Stultz says. Too often, corners wind up being leftover areas that feel awkward. Stultz tries to open up the corners by making them functional, either through clever storage solutions or by creating an interesting nook—say, a corner that holds a china collection or a writing desk for paying bills. A corner done well can be a room inside of a room, he says. "The idea is to make the corner a place to go instead of a place to collect clutter."



HEIDI KARPA

Host of HGTV.com's "KitchenDesign"

"I think lighting is the most important element in a kitchen," Karpa says. "After all, when you have good lighting over your workspace, you want to be there." Fluorescent lights create glare and crankiness; too-bright lights miss the boat on ambience. Overhead lighting should be ample, but soft. Task lighting is crucial too, but undercabinet lighting is becoming less expensive. "Lighting is one of the most overlooked things in kitchen design," she says.

MARTHA KERR

Kitchen designer with Neil Kelly Company, Portland, Oregon

For Kerr, a successful kitchen is one that has a unity of design. "All of the various elements should be thoughtfully selected so that the room pulls together," she says. Too often, the cabinet maker doesn't communicate with the designer, who is picking out flooring and countertops. "It's more important than ever to keep that unity of design because now there are just so many products to choose from," she says.

LAURA BOHN

Interior designer and owner of Laura Bohn Design Associates, New York City

"Layout is the key to a great kitchen," Bohn says. "The materials make it happen and pull it together, but it's all about how you move around the space." She uses the example of making a cup of tea: From the pantry to the stove to the table—the whole process should be seamless because the space is organized according to how you work.

CASS CALDER SMITH

Architect and owner of Cass Calder Smith Architecture, San Francisco

In a true cook's kitchen, it's all about the range. "The range gets the most use," Smith says. If it's lacking functionality or feels out of place, it can bring the entire room down. It's not just the range, but also how it's situated. "It's all in relation to how a person wants to cook," he says.

CLODAGH

Designer, owner of Clodagh Design, New York City

"You must have a good water filter," Clodagh says. "Without clean water, you can't cook!" Next on her list is a great stove—preferably one with a flush stovetop so it's easy to slide pots and pans back and forth without worrying about things tipping and spilling.

MICK DE GIULIO

Kitchen designer, and owner of De Giulio Kitchen Design, Chicago

"Comfort is the most important feature," De Giulio says. "The kitchen should be a space where you can just hang out with family and friends." We got off track with the emphasis on sprawling great rooms, he says. To create real comfort and coziness, a room needs some delineation and boundaries, versus being in the middle of a mega space. ◆

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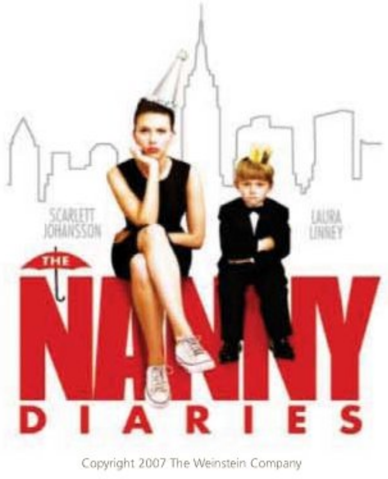

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Properly outfitted laundry rooms sweeten a sour chore

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ABOVE: Although their duties may be more specific, good laundry rooms have most of the elements found in kitchens: countertops, sinks, cabinets, windows, thoughtful lighting—and appliances, too.

Although mountains of design and technical advances have made kitchens and baths more convenient and efficient, too many laundry areas remain little more than side-by-side appliances and a forlorn shelf for detergent. Such rooms have huge potential to become valuable assets to a working home.

A good laundry room is about more than cleaning clothes. "It tends to be a multipurpose room," says designer Ray Bird, of Craftsman Kitchens, in Salt Lake City. "Often, it can be a combination mudroom/laundry room, an arts-and-crafts room, or a place where kids can sit and work on homework or projects." It can also be a dedicated spot for flower arranging or gardening.

Laundry rooms in remodeled homes tend to be small, Bird says, whereas in new homes they can be quite large. A rather modest laundry room would fit in a 6×8-foot space. (Adding a couple feet either way greatly enhances its usefulness.) However, a small space can function superbly with the right elements. "I like to put a washer and dryer side by side and put a

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RIGHT: Drying cabinets are the deluxe version of another welcome laundry accouterment: hanging rods. This Asko unit includes folding, pull-out hangers that provide the equivalent of 50 feet of clothesline. $1,049; *www.askousa.com*.

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countertop on top of them so you can fold your clothes," says Gabi Thompson, of Gabi S.E.Z. Interior Design, in Sammamish, Washington. To make room for the countertop, washers and dryers with controls and doors on the front are a necessity. They can either be stacked, with the countertop to one side, or they can go side-by-side under the counter. Traditional models, with controls mounted on top and near the wall, would require a larger square footage to coexist with a countertop.

Most manufacturers offer front-loading machines. Even so, European models have developed a reputation as water and energy savers, but with a trade-off. "The one thing people need to know about European washers is they take longer to run," Thompson says. "They only hook up to cold water and then they heat it internally, so the wash takes about a half hour longer, in general." European dryers work in about the same amount of time as domestic models, she says.

AWASH IN COLOR

Even in the most well-appointed laundry rooms, "most people still prefer white appliances," Thompson says. But manufacturers now offer a variety of rich, handsome shades such as blue and red, plus titanium, to add pizzazz for those so inclined. "There's a lot more variation in style available now," Bird says.

The countertop can be just about any

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Stacked appliances save space. This dryer's control panel moves to the bottom for handy access.

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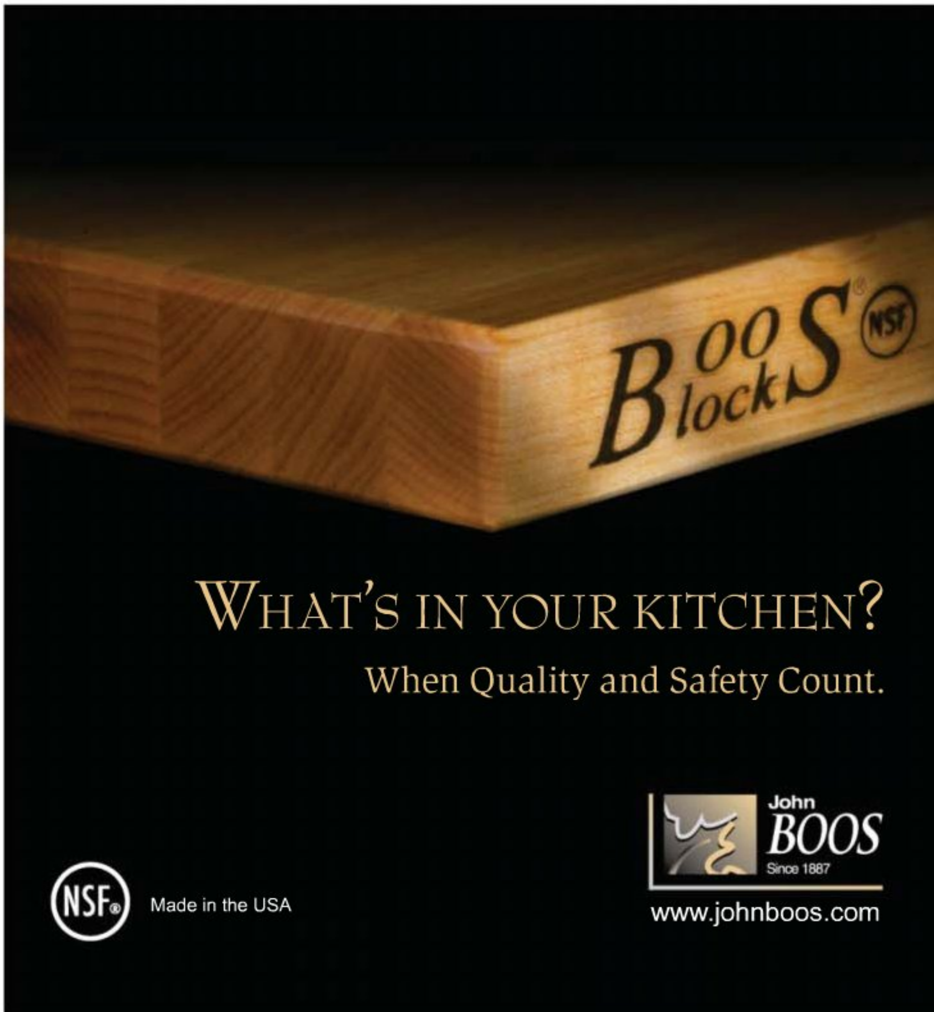
LEFT: Laundry areas have the potential to become multipurpose rooms. With thoughtful design, they can include a desk area for paying bills and even extra cabinets nearby for stashing paperwork.

material that suits a homeowner's taste or budget. Laminate is inexpensive and comes in thousands of colors and styles, but Bird says, "About 80 percent of the rooms I design have something other than laminate." That means a lot of solid surfacing, quartz and granite.

FLOORING AND STORAGE

Even more important than counter material is the floor. "We like ceramic, stone or porcelain tile—waterproof surfaces," Bird says, "since it's a potentially wet environment, and there could be leaks."

Cabinets are a great place to stash detergent, fabric softener and other laundry supplies. Additional cabinets can serve laundry-related storage needs and then some. "Laundry drawers are wonderful, if you have the room," Thompson says. "They're large drawers that you open up and throw



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WISH LIST

LEFT: Elevated appliances have two benefits. First, they ease the constant bending when taking clothes out of front-loading machines. Second, they provide storage space underneath for detergents and such.

your laundry in so you don't have all the baskets exposed." A laundry room can also provide auxiliary storage to an adjacent kitchen. "A lot of people shop at warehouse clubs, and it's a handy spot for overflow," Bird says. "It's also great for seasonal storage."

BONUS CONVENIENCES

Beyond the basic equipment, favorite amenities include sinks and built-in ironing boards. Bird says he's installing fewer sinks, a trend he attributes to the increasing number of custom cycles in washing machines. For Thompson, however, sinks are a fairly standard feature. "I put in a regular, smaller-scale kitchen sink," she says. "If you have a counter there, you want a sink so you can wipe it down, and, of course, the sink is great for hand washables."

Built-in ironing centers are undeniably convenient, but finding a suitable place to put them can be a bit of a puzzle. "It can be difficult to find a spot on the wall that isn't in the way of anything when the board is folded down," Thompson says. One alternative is a drawer that has an ironing board built into it. Another is to move the ironing board to another room. "I've put those folding boards into master closets," Thompson says. "People take the clothes upstairs and iron them there."

Such resourceful approaches to laundry challenges make these chores more bearable. They also help turn a room that's an afterthought for most people into one that's not just more functional, but better looking, too. ◆

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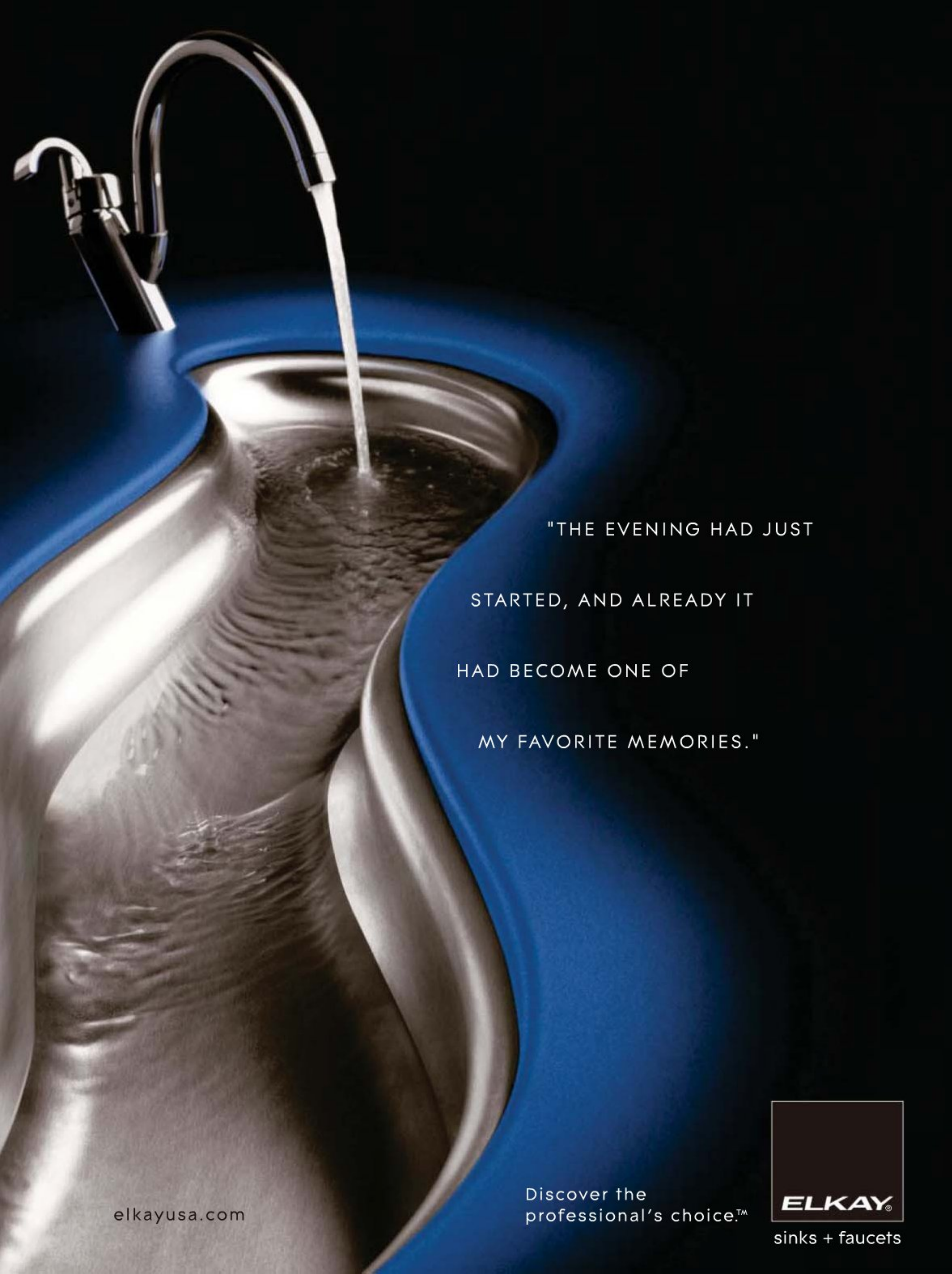
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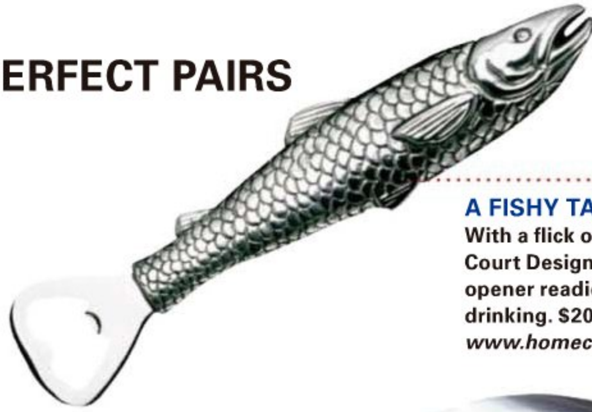

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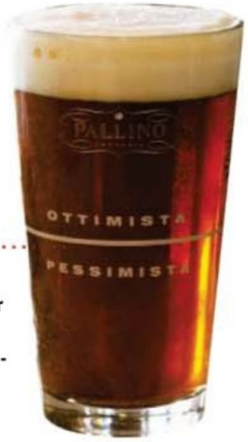

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clean and simple

Sandra Felton is known professionally as the Organizer Lady. Her latest book is *Organizing for Life: Declutter Your Mind to Declutter Your World* (Revell Books, 2007). Here are her tips for ironing out the kinks in laundry day:

◆ **BACK TO BASICS** Felton's organizing motto is to KISS: Keep It Super Simple. "A laundry room only really needs four things: a washer, a dryer, a place to fold and a place to hang. That's it!"

◆ **A SEPARATE PEACE** Felton is a big fan of presorting. "Sort as clothes get dirty and your task will be that much easier come laundry time."

◆ **UP AND AWAY** "If you can't go wide, go high," Felton says. "Wall shelves make use of vertical space where a folding table might not fit."

◆ **SAY NO MORE** When it comes to detergents, "use up what you've got before you buy more," says Felton. ◆

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brunch

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Nothing suits a leisurely weekend morning quite like brunch. Peter Meehan, co-author of *Brunch: 100 Recipes From Five Points Restaurant* (Universe, 2005), has made merging breakfast and lunch super easy with these tips. We've even set you up with a few country-meets-chic serving options for your table. Now what are you waiting for? Start cracking those eggs!

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entertaining insight

AN OFFERING OF GOODS "Tableware should be simple, durable and classic," says Peter Meehan, co-author of *Brunch*. A few must-haves would be a French press for coffee, big glass pitchers, attractive trivets and serving pieces.

LESS IS MORE "Don't try to be overly ambitious," says Meehan. Do anything you can in advance, like making muffins and freezing them. "Use the same ingredients you would for individual omelets—mushrooms, onions, chopped ham—but scatter them over some good bread in a buttered casserole and bake the eggs on top. That way, people can serve themselves."

MIX AND MATCH Meehan suggests bowls of fruit and various salads as companions to more substantial main dishes like Eggs Benedict, frittatas and French toast. Soups—hot or cold—are another great option, since they can be prepared ahead of time.

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The essentials of a good brunch include coffee and any dish that merges bacon and maple syrup.

the perfect bloody mary

Makes 4 to 6

4 Tbsp grated horseradish
1 Tbsp Tabasco sauce
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp celery salt (optional)
15 grinds black pepper
1½ qt tomato juice
Juice of 1 lemon or lime, plus small wedges for garnish
Trimmed celery stalks
Up to 2 ounces vodka per serving

1. Combine horseradish, Tabasco, Worcestershire, celery salt, pepper and tomato juice in a pitcher and stir well. Base can be made up to a day in advance. Just chill in fridge until ready to use.

2. Just before serving, add the juice of half a lemon or lime and stir. Taste and add more citrus juice, as necessary.

3. To serve, fill a glass with ice, add up to 2 ounces vodka and top with the pitcher contents. Present with a celery stalk. Have extra horseradish, Tabasco and small lemon or lime wedges for garnish. ◆

upgrade on a budget

WRITTEN BY LEE ANN MURPHY

Dreaming about your ideal home is exciting—and it costs nothing. It doesn't take long, however, to discover the bruising reality: A built-in appliance costs what? Custom colors on cabinets are extra? Well, a little ingenuity and some good advice can bring reality remarkably close to your dreams. These tips can save you hundreds, even thousands, of dollars on a kitchen or bathroom remodel.

KITCHEN

1 BEAT THE PRICE HIKES. Most cabinet manufacturers raise prices by 5 percent each year, usually at the beginning of the year, says Peggy Deras, CKD, CID, of Kitchen Artworks in San Francisco. Ask a dealer when prices go up and get your order in before that happens.

2 Take an interest in displays. Retailers regularly change products they show. Ask if you can buy a favorite appliance when it comes off the floor. "I got a $1,100 refrigerator for $400," says Kathy Wilson, author of *Quick Decorating Ideas Under $20: The Budget Decorator's Bible* (1stbooks, 2002).

3 REDO OR REFACE YOUR CABINETS. If you aren't changing the kitchen's layout, you can strip and repaint wood cabinets for a sizeable savings. Set up a mini-shop in a generously ventilated area. The first couple of doors will be an education, but by the end, you'll be an expert. Another option is hiring someone to reface your cabinets. It will look like you bought new cabinets, but for far less.

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5 FAKE THE BUILT-INS. Built-in appliances cost more than their free-standing siblings, but you can create the look of a built-in using cabinets and cabinet panels to frame a standard appliance. Sure, you'll have to pay for the cabinets, but you were going to buy those anyway.

6 EARN GREEN FOR BEING GREEN. Utility companies across the country offer rebates for buying Energy Star appliances. These models are among the top 25% in energy efficiency, and this performance is certified by the Department of Energy and the EPA. Lower energy usage means lower electric bills, so in addition to the rebate, you'll probably cover the price of the appliance over its lifetime.

7 FIND A GOOD APPLIANCE BRAND, THEN BUY IN BULK. Manufacturers dole out appliance rebates, and buying more of the same brand typically results in a higher rebate. Search the Internet to find manufacturers' offers.

BATHROOM

8 RENEW YOUR TILE OR TUB. The ravages of time can literally take the shine off of porcelain tiles and tubs. The good news is, weathered (or just outdated) porcelain can be reglazed for a fraction of the cost of replacing it. Reglazing brings back the original hard, glossy finish, making the surface much easier to maintain.

9 TRY FAUX STAINED GLASS. Use specialized craft supplies to simulate stained glass on a glass cabinet panel or a bathroom window. "It's wonderful," Wilson says. "It looks exactly like stained glass; it doesn't look cheap." If someone in the home is particularly gifted with a paint brush, you can have a really beautiful privacy window for little cost.

10 LAY A NEW FLOOR OVER THE CURRENT ONE. You may not need to endure the time and expense to remove an existing floor if it's still intact (no loose, cracked or broken tiles). You

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do need to take into account, however, whether the combined weight of the old and new floors will be too great for the joists that support it. (If you're unsure about the weight, ask a contractor.)

11 GIVE YOUR TOILET A MAKEOVER. Does your commode make your bathroom look depressing? An updated seat and a stylish new lever can refresh the appeal of an old toilet that otherwise works fine. Many towel-bar makers sell snazzy toilet levers that match their other bath accessories, for as little as $25.

12 BUY OTHER PEOPLE'S PAINT. Sometimes people order paint then don't pick it up. These orphaned buckets are usually sold at a discount, especially if they're in custom colors. Scan the discount bins for hues that could be the perfect remedy for a blah bath.

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kitchen flooring

WRITTEN BY DON STUART

When replacing what's underfoot in your kitchen, you'll find there's virtually no limit to flooring choices—material and style options are nearly endless. Focusing on your kitchen's style and function will help you select the ideal combination of beauty, durability and comfort. "Always consider how you use your kitchen," says DeeDee Gundberg, senior designer at Ann Sacks, a tile and stone company, "and pick a product that's consistent with your usage."

THE LOW DOWN

Important considerations include your kitchen's role in entertaining, the amount of kid and pet traffic, and how often furniture, chairs and stools are moved around. Be sure to keep comfort and safety in mind. If you work in the kitchen a lot, you may prefer flooring that's easy to stand on for long periods. A soft or nonslip surface may be a wise choice if children or elderly family members use the kitchen. If your kitchen floor sees frequent spills, look for materials that can be easily cleaned and are resistant to stains or damage. Your overall design and style objectives are also crucial, says Scott Stultz, principal of Cornerstone USA, in Philadelphia. "Consider how the floor's pattern, direction and scale will relate to the space, cabinetry and furniture," Stultz says. "For instance, tile staggered in a diagonal pattern makes you feel the space differently than a grid design that matches the room's orientation."

Don't forget installation. What lies beneath your current floor can have an impact on your new flooring choice, especially if it requires removal or replacement. Take note if multiple floor installations over the years have created uneven heights; you may need to remove these underlayers. And, of course, it's not only about the flooring you crave—make sure you understand the complete costs for installation, finishing and maintenance. Here, and in our handy chart (see page 52), is an overview of the most popular floor materials:

VINYL

Available in tiles or sheets, vinyl comes either "inlaid," with colors fully saturating the core material, or "standard," with patterns printed on a sheet that's sandwiched between the vinyl core and a clear top wear-layer. It's among several flooring materials referred to as "resilient"—that is, resistant to denting—because of its ability to return to its original shape. It also has a long lifespan: Vinyl tile lasts from five to 20 years; vinyl sheets from 20 to 30 years.

LAMINATE

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WILSONART

The Styles Classic collection of high pressure laminate flooring from Wilsonart offers a variety of sophisticated colorations, all carrying a 20-year residential warranty. Shown here is Nouveau Walnut. About $4.50 to $5 per square foot uninstalled. *www.wilsonart.com.*

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RIGHT: Locking hardwood flooring from Armstrong eliminates the need for glue, staples or nails, reducing installation time. The collection features over 30 engineered woods in a variety of domestic and exotic species. Shown is White Oak Country Natural. From about $4.50 to $8 per square foot uninstalled. *www.armstrong.com*.

ANN SACKS

ABOVE: Natural stone can deliver a unique and vibrant look in each slab while still providing a sleek and seamless floor underfoot. Shown, Ann Sacks' Cobra Slate. $7 per square foot uninstalled.*www.annsacks.com*.

STONE

For natural flooring that will last a lifetime, stone is the choice. Limestone and slate are among the most popular stones for kitchens; all types are available in a range of colors. While durable and relatively easy to care for, stone can be cold and hard on the feet. Also, you may need to strengthen your subfloor as the weight of some types of stone is heavier. Regular maintenance with sealants may be required and, despite its toughness, stone can chip or crack.

TILE

Tile, whether ceramic or porcelain, offers a vast array of style and color choices. By varying shapes, sizes and colors, the custom design effects you can achieve are unlimited. Ceramic tile is a mixture of clays and other natural materials that are shaped, colored and fired. Porcelain is a form of ceramic tile, using finer clays and fired at much higher temperatures, making them more dense and less porous. Tiles may be glazed or unglazed; glazed tile is easier to maintain, and does not require sealing. Many tile options today are produced to mimic stone, delivering a convincing natural stone look at a lower cost. Like stone, tile flooring can potentially last forever with proper care and maintenance.

WOOD

Popular in kitchens due to its warm, timeless look, a wood floor can be solid wood or engineered hardwood, which is constructed of multiple layers of wood bonded together. As wood floors age, their character becomes more appealing. If it's well cared for, a wood floor has a virtually unlimited lifespan, which helps to offset its expense. When choosing finish, color and gloss, keep in mind that wood finished at the factory is less expensive than wood finished as it is installed. It can be revitalized every few years by refinishing. The thicker the surface, the more refinishings it will endure. Wood floors range from 1/4- to 3/4-inch thick; a 3/4-inch floor can be refinished about four to six times.

LINOLEUM

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LAMINATE	◆ Highly durable ◆ Easy to clean ◆ Easy to install ◆ Affordable	◆ Susceptible to damage from continual or extended exposure to water ◆ Can't be resanded or refinished	◆ About $2 to $10 per square foot installed
STONE	◆ Has a sophisticated, natural look ◆ Tough and durable ◆ Can be warmed from beneath via a radiant-heat system	◆ Can be slippery ◆ Can be very expensive ◆ Can be uncomfortably hard ◆ Requires sealing, and repair/replacement is best left to professionals ◆ Grout can be easily stained and dirtied	◆ Varies enormously, depending on the type of stone and installation intricacies—from $7 to $10 per square foot installed to as much as $100 per square foot installed
TILE	◆ Style, color and design choices aplenty ◆ Durable and long-lasting (except terra-cotta, which is softer and more prone to chipping ◆ Easy to care for	◆ Can be hard and unforgiving on feet ◆ Installation can be tricky ◆ Can chip or crack; be sure to purchase extra matching replacement tiles	◆ Can vary greatly, but the typical price ranges from $3 to $20 per square foot installed
WOOD	◆ Long-lasting ◆ Relatively easy day-to-day care ◆ Broad range of choices in texture, color and species	◆ Scratches require refinishing ◆ Wax finishes may be uncomfortably slippery ◆ Susceptible to water damage	◆ Highly variable, depending on species, plank width, solid vs. engineered, etc. Generally from $6 to $18 per square foot for prefinished solid wood installed and $4.50 to $18 for prefinished engineered wood installed
LINOLEUM	◆ Vivid colors ◆ Smooth and comfortable for standing ◆ Resilient and able to withstand heavy traffic ◆ Environmentally friendly	◆ Professional installation is a must ◆ Susceptible to water damage ◆ Fewer color choices than vinyl	◆ $7 to $20 per square foot installed ◆

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LONG VIEW

When stacked horizontally, the width of Luxor gray limestone tile gives a typical kitchen wall a contemporary style. 8½×17-inch tiles, $16 per square foot. 800-278-8453; *www.annsacks.com*.

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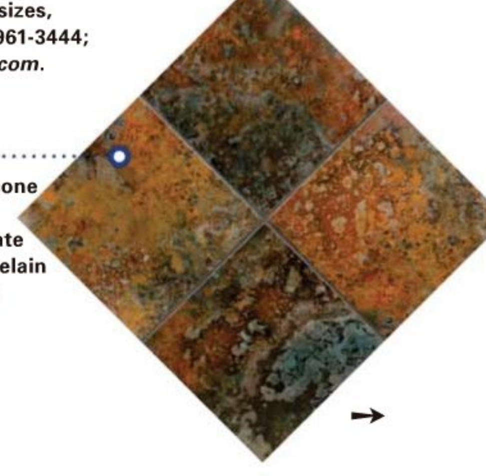
PICTURE THIS

Mixed Stones ceramic wall and floor tile is printed to look like real river rocks. $15 per square foot. 800-680-8453; *www.imaginetile.com*.



THE NATURAL

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MOUNTAIN-MADE
Appalachian Stone's multicolored Tennessee flagstone is quarried and milled in the mountains surrounding Dayton, Tennessee. All sizes, including custom, $9 per square foot. 423-775-1907; *www.appstone.com*.

OLD WORLD
Quarried in Israel near the Jordan River, Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea, Betan gold limestone tile adds a tactile element to walls. 12×24-inch tile, $20 per square foot. 816-444-4405; *www.jerusalemstoneusa.com*.

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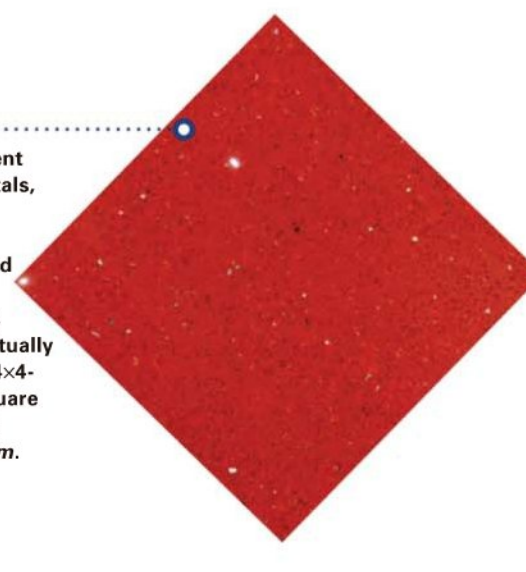
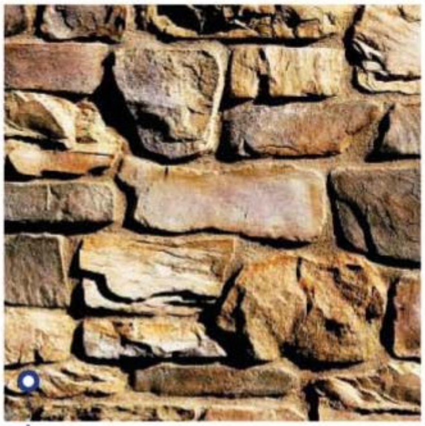


CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK

A hardy mixture of recycled glass and cement, IceStone rivals granite for durability. $25 to $45 per square foot, depending on color (Arctic Moss shown). 718-624-4900; *www.icestone.biz*.

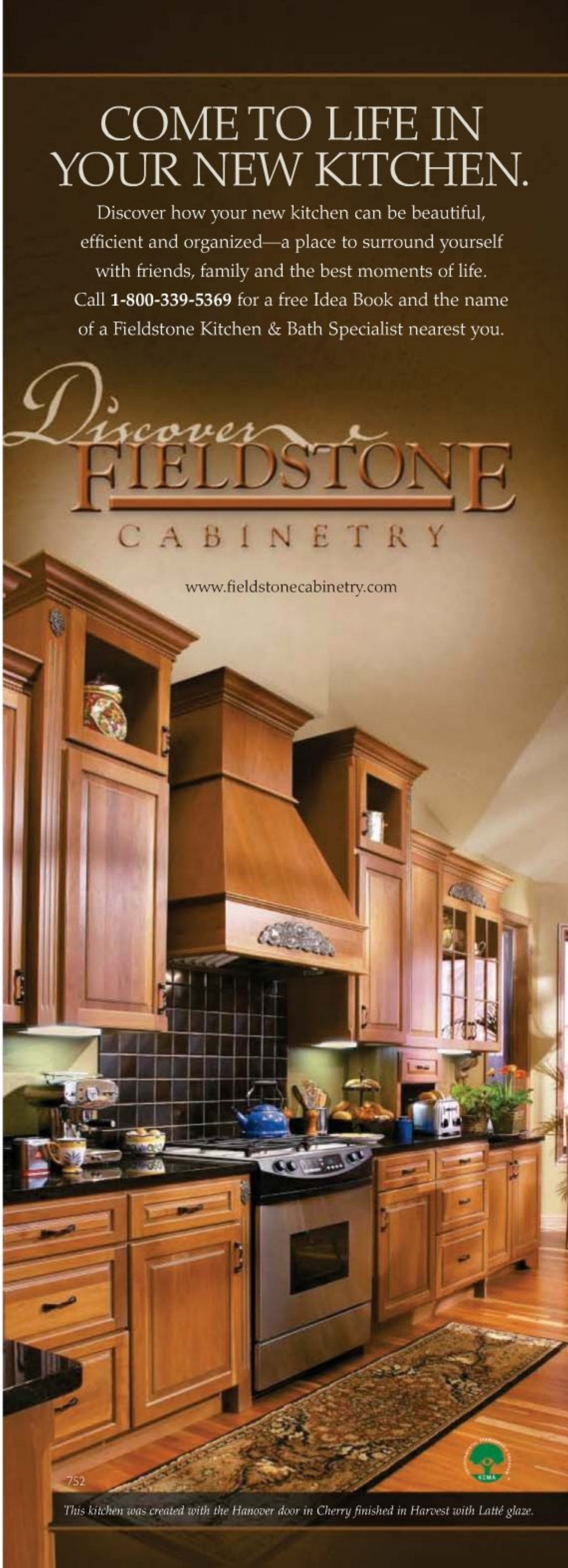


FAB FAUX

An architectural stone veneer, Cypress Ridge has a rugged profile and warm, natural coloration (Countryside shown). $5 to $7 per square foot, uninstalled. 800-925-1491; *www.eldoradostone.com*.

BLACK BEAUTY

Night Air is one of eight colors in Crossville's new EcoCycle series of porcelain tiles that mimic stone. The line boasts a 40 percent recycled content. 12×12-inch tile, $4 per square foot. 800-221-9093; *www.crossvilleinc.com*. ◆



touch of gray

Stone and steel come together in this cool-toned contemporary kitchen

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

style notes

SPOT LIGHT Low-hanging pendants provide extra light where it's needed most—above the large prep island and double sink.

OLD-WORLD APPEAL Rustic saddle-seat stools and stone walls that appear built by hand break up the modern look of the cabinets and appliances.

HANDS ON Mirror-finish stainless steel adds brightness by reflecting light, but a matte or satin finish is better for camouflaging fingerprints.

LONG AND LEAN Tall, narrow cabinets and wide drawers call for handles and pulls with similarly generous proportions.

COOL RUNNING
KitchenAid Architect series refrigerator. $6,100. 800-422-1230; *www.kitchenaid.com.*

CURVE APPEAL
Blanco Purus II single-handle kitchen faucet in stainless. $747. *www.blancoamerica.com.*

DOUBLE SCOOP
Cherry-finish, 29-inch scoop stool. $90 for two. 800-591-3869; *www.target.com.*

LOW LIGHT
Hampton Bay amber pyramid step glass pendant, $69. 800-430-3376; *www.homedepot.com.*

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style notes

SKY HIGH The oversize window is large enough to bathe the room in natural light and high enough to maintain privacy.

A TALL ORDER Aqua tiles that stretch nearly to the ceiling add bold color and a strong vertical line. Well-positioned lights accentuate the tiles' high gloss.

SEA WORTHY Beachy accessories, such as coral and starfish, bring a touch of soothing ocean atmosphere. A large clamshell makes a perfect tubside catchall.

TWO TONE A rich chocolate stain on the cabinets and tub surround complements the honey tones of the extra-large teak bath mat.

PACK A PUNCH Towels in tropical hues are stacked in full view under the sink, not hidden away in a linen closet.

MARVELOUS MAT

Brookstone teak bath mat. $100. 800-846-3000; *www.brookstone.com*.

SHINING STAR

Lunares giant silver shells. From $24 to $34. 800-430-3376; *www.homedepot.com*.

SEE THE LIGHT

Restoration Hardware Powell sconce in polished nickel. $129. 800-762-1005; *www.restorationhardware.com*.

THE RIGHT ANGLES

Toto Soirée widespread lavatory faucet. $550. 888-295-8134; *www.totousa.com*. ◆

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Glass Act

❶ LIGHT UP
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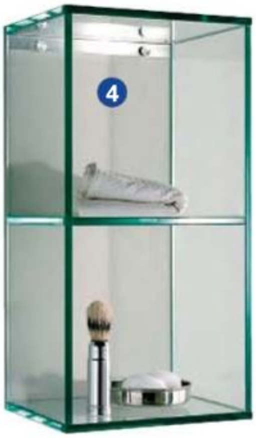
❷ CLEAR ENCOUNTER
Glasmodul Washbasin. Nameek's Total Bath Solutions, starts at $4,250. 215-256-4197; *www.nameeks.com*.

❸ WATER SAUCER
Glass and Chrome Faucet. KWC America, $1,015. 678-334-2121; *www.kwcamerica.com*.

❹ SEE-THROUGH STORAGE
Box Double Cube #8 wall cabinet. Atelier Design Group, $600. 973-744-2447; *www.atelierdesigngroup.com*.

❺ SQUEAKY CLEAN
Tulip Glass Tub. Prizma, about $5,990. 360-387-3637; *www.prizmastudio.com*.

❻ SURF'S UP!
Wave Sink from Logo line. PSC Bath, starts at $6,237. 800-990-5539; *www.pscbath.com*.



KEEPING IT CLEAN

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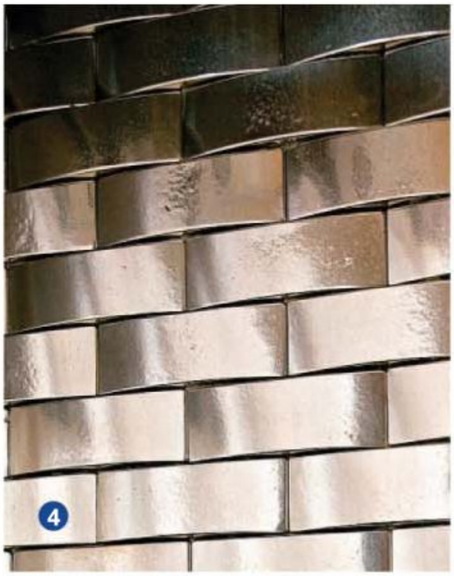

1 STEELY CUP
Glacier Pedestal Sink, 18/10 Stainless Steel sink with anodized aluminum and chromed brass. Bissonnett, $1,950. 610-454-1295; *www.bissonnet.net*.

2 DEEP SOAK
Circular Stainless Steel Japanese Bath. Diamond Spas, $8,500. 800-951-7727; *www.diamondspas.com*.

3 SHOW CONE
Round stainless steel Metropolis Basin. Neo-Metro, $1,798. 800-591-9050; *www.neo-metro.com*.

4 SILVER ARCHES
White Bronze Arched Tile Backsplash. Rocky Mountain Hardware, $54 per tile. 888-788-2013; *www.rockymountainhardware.com*.

5 MODERN LOCKER
Pika 51571 stainless steel wall cabinet. WS Bath Collections, $540. 610-831-0214; *www.wsbathcollections.com*.

6 SILVER PENDANT
Sonic I Wall Sconce. Boyd Lighting, $849. 415-778-4300; *www.boydlighting .com*.

KEEPING THE SHEEN

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Dot Sconce. Lampa, $280 each. 631-722-9450; *www.lampa.com*.

3 SLEEK SLICE
Maple wood Verso sink. PSC Bath, starts at $3,510. 800-990-5539, *www.pscbath.com*.

4 SITTING PRETTY
Cherry and stainless steel Cerine Toilet. Neo-Metro, $2,842. 800-591-9050, *www.neo-metro.com*.

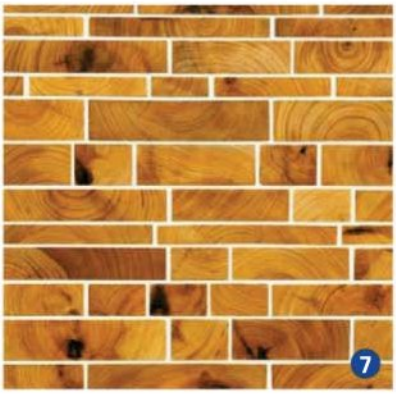
5 SQUARE PEGS
Mesquite wood tiles. Ann Sacks Tile & Stone, starts at $42.62 per square foot. 800-278-8453; *www.annsacks.com*.

6 CHIP IN THE BLOCK
Birch/Oak Limbos 1 sink. WS Bath Collections, $2,580. 610-831-0214; *www.wsbathcollections.com*.

7 SPRUCE UP
Honey Pine Vein Cut Wood Falling Water Tiles. Stone & Pewter Accents, starts at $25 per square foot. 310-257-1300; *www.stonepewteraccents.com*.

KEEPING IT STRAIGHT

Be sure wood is sealed with a waterproof coating before being used in the damp environment of the bathroom. Treat it regularly with wood oil and install it well away from heat sources—like radiators—which might cause warping. ◆



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designing smarter spaces

WRITTEN BY JEANNIE MATTEUCCI

BEFORE: Worn plastic laminate countertops, dated wood cabinets, and a long walk from the refrigerator to the cooktop were three reasons why the old kitchen had to go.
AFTER: In addition to improved flow, the kitchen now includes a custom edge detail that adds depth and interest to the counters.

1 island invitation

With an ill-conceived layout, dated finishes and a wood overhang that blocked views, the kitchen in this 1960s Laurel Hills, California, home was in desperate need of a change. Homeowner Martin Symes wanted to update the look and improve the function of the 225-square-foot space so he could cook meals and entertain with ease. "Getting even two people in there at one time was a nightmare," says designer Christopher J. Grubb, founder and president of Arch-Interiors Design Group, Inc., of Beverly Hills, California. "The flow was awful and the room was very dark." Removing the bulky overhang and taking space from an adjacent laundry room gave Grubb the chance to revise the difficult floor plan and create a larger kitchen with style and substance.

IN THE DETAILS

- **ISLAND** The kitchen's improved floor plan made room for a long island with seating, storage for pots and pans and a cooktop with hood. "It creates a nice opening that invites you into the kitchen," says Grubb. "It also allows Martin to cook without turning his back to his guests."
- **CABINETS** A combination of solid- and glass-front Shaker-style cherry cabinets offer plenty of storage. "We wanted clean lines throughout the kitchen," says Grubb. Crown molding on top adds dimension to the room.
- **COUNTERTOPS** An attractive sea-foam green granite—also used for the backsplash—is a great complement to the cherry cabinets and oak floor.
- **SKYLIGHTS** Four square skylights add much-needed natural light. A garden window, recessed fixtures and undercabinet lights also help brighten the room.

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2 traditional beauty

Besides a bland all-white look, the 260-square-foot kitchen in this two-level home located in the Columbus, Ohio, suburb of Upper Arlington presented another big problem: a very difficult layout. "The kitchen had been remodeled, but not for a while," says Ron Landis, president of R.J. Landis Design & Construction in nearby Worthington. "It was just too small and cramped, with a peninsula that had a soffit and hanging cabinets that blocked views and visually cut the kitchen off from the adjacent eating and seating area." The placement of the appliances—the kitchen's refrigerator was right next to the wall ovens—was another concern. The owners, a professional couple, wanted to improve the layout and give the kitchen a more traditional look that better suits their Colonial-style home.

IN THE DETAILS

- **ISLAND** Landis added an island at a 90-degree angle from the old location of the peninsula. It has an attached table top at the end for dining. "Eliminating the bulky peninsula really helped the floor plan; the island separates the work triangle from the eating area of the kitchen," he says.
- **CABINETS** Glazed maple cabinets with raised-panel doors give the homeowners the warmer and more elegant look they wanted. "The cabinets are fully accessorized inside to match their needs," says Landis. "We worked to maximize the space they had."
- **COUNTERTOPS** The rich black quartz composite countertops with gray flecks are an attractive upgrade from the white laminate counters.
- **FLOORS** A mishmash of laminate, parquet and green slate was replaced with ¾-inch-thick oak planks to get rid of the hodgepodge look.

BEFORE: The old kitchen looked dated and was cut off from the dining area by an awkward peninsula.
AFTER: Relocating the appliances and adding rich details like a tumbled marble tile backsplash with tile inserts helped transform the space.

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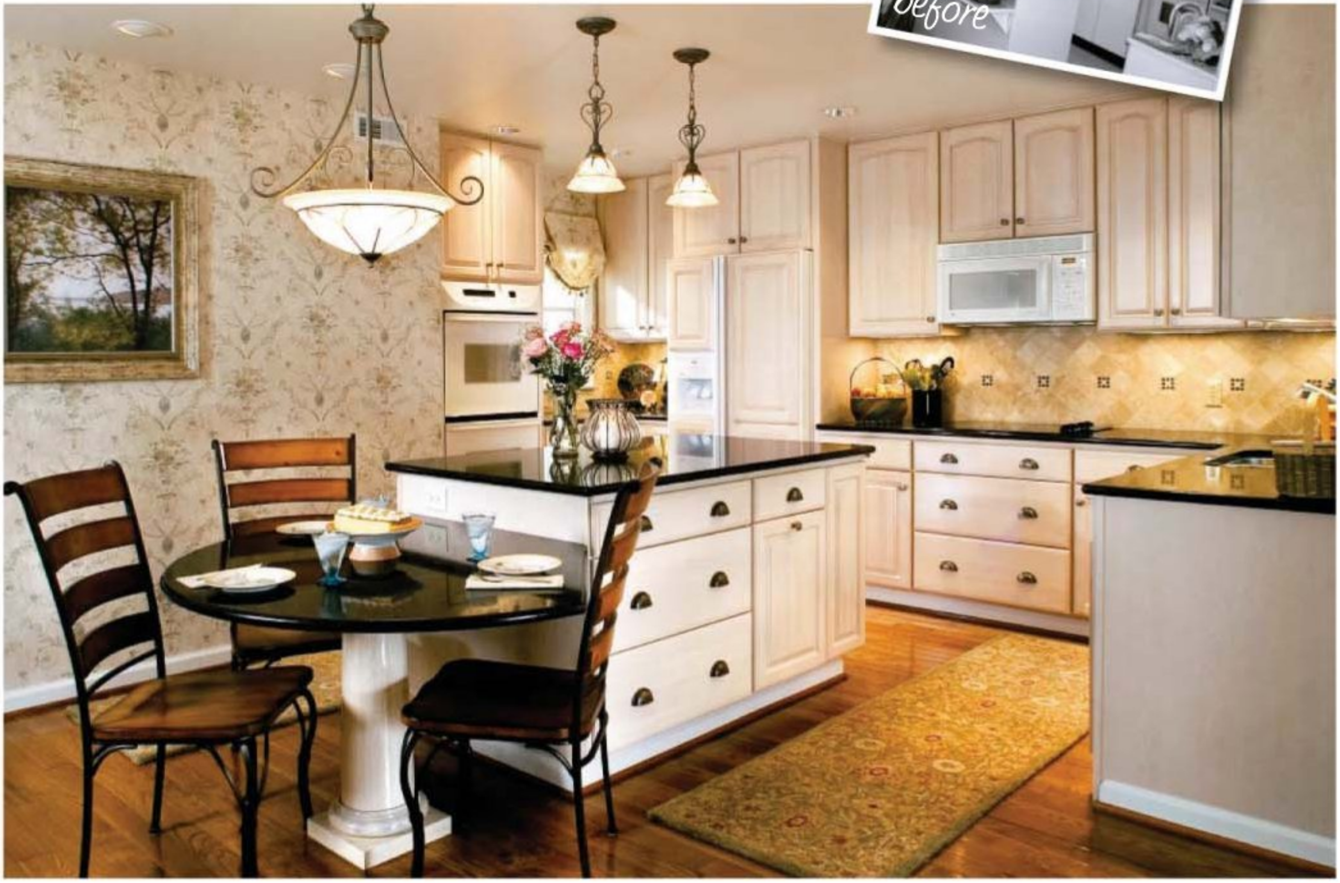

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BEFORE: Besides a too-small peninsula, the old kitchen had dated oak cabinets, worn laminate countertops, white appliances and a dark red wall that dominated the space.
AFTER: Removing a large bulkhead covered with floral wallpaper made room for taller, lighter-tone cherry cabinets with crown molding on top.

3 smart moves

While John and Marianne Bacci, of Severna Park, Maryland, were happy with the overall size of their 200-square-foot kitchen, they wanted to make better use of the space they had. "The old kitchen had a peninsula and an area for a table, but the space was not really big enough for the table," says Mark T. White, CKD, owner and chief designer for Kitchen Encounters in Annapolis, Maryland. "We corrected the floor plan by creating a peninsula with seating. This meant we could eliminate the table, give them extra workspace and have room for new French doors leading to the backyard deck." Increasing the size of the opening to the adjacent dining room on the other side of the kitchen was another important improvement. The couple, who share their two-level Colonial home with their teenagers—Michael and Michelle—now have a kitchen that is not only more functional but also attractive. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **PENINSULA** With the same rich "Coffee Mahogany" granite top as the perimeter counters, the enlarged peninsula is a crucial element in the renovated kitchen. "The seating area makes for quick serving and easy clean up," says White, "but the fact that it's much wider than it used to be makes it more versatile."
- **APPLIANCES** A key design change was separating the cooking area from the kitchen sink. "Before, they were too close together," says White. "To save space, I also suggested using a range instead of a separate cooktop and wall oven."
- **FLOORING** White added warmth with light maple floors in a clear finish. "The wood in the kitchen is different from the wood in the adjacent rooms," he says. "Going with the contrasting color gives the kitchen its own identity."

PHOTOGRAPH: MARK T. WHITE

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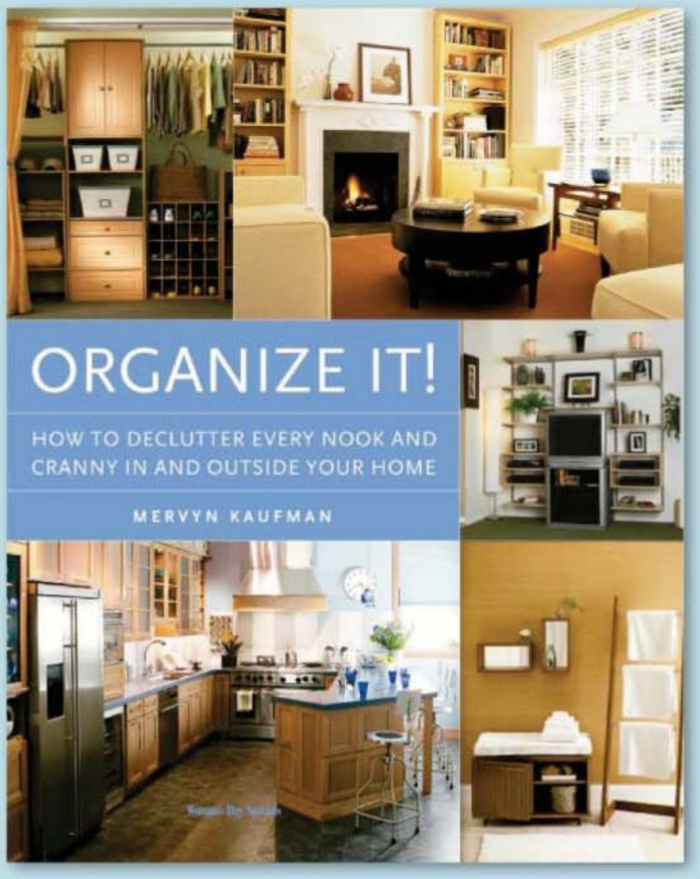

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kitchens

In colors that run the gamut from subtle to super-charged, these rooms are designed to please the eye as well as perform to professional standards.

The cork floor, which is easy on the feet, the back and the eyes, adds warmth to the room, and—important in open-plan kitchens—cuts down on noise. The unadorned windows have been treated with UV-blocking film.

ONE SIZE FITS ALL

Bright and blond, this kitchen holds a crowd or a single cook with equal comfort

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
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STYLED BY EILEEN EISELE

The biggest challenge in most kitchen renovations is coaxing a small space to live and work large. John and Sue Wieland confronted the opposite scenario when they set out to update the design-challenged kitchen in their two-story 1933 Colonial in suburban Atlanta.

Once they removed the wall separating the vintage pantry from the principle food-prep space in the kitchen, a very spacious U-shaped area was revealed. Then, in collaboration with Atlanta-based designer Matthew D. Rao, CKD, they devised an inviting floor plan that put all of the room's 580 square feet to good use.

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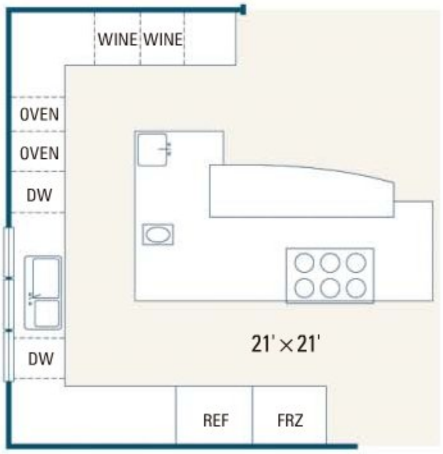
RIGHT: A six-burner cooktop is surrounded by several different counter surface materials. This lessens the massive quality of the 10-foot-plus island.



ABOVE: Once merged with an old butler's pantry, the kitchen faced the rare challenge of being too big. One way designer Matthew Rao brought it back into scale was by retaining the different ceiling heights in the room.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

A key theme of the design strategy was doubling up: The kitchen has two wine coolers, two sinks, two 27-inch ovens and a 6-foot-wide side-by-side commercial refrigerator/freezer that looks like two matching units. The focal point of the contemporary classic design, where traditional-style cabinetry in white oak is paired with sleek stainless steel hardware, is the 10$^1/_2$-foot-long, L-shaped central island, which houses a six-burner cooktop, a built-in steamer, a deep caterer's sink and breakfast bar and stools. "We used four levels and four different surface materials—butcher-block, honed black granite, stainless steel and crystal-clear Starfire glass—to break things up," Rao says. "Because of this, the island doesn't appear nearly as big as it really is, and yet at parties there's lots of room for the caterers to work and for guests to mingle."

The idea of pairs is carried through to the cabinetry. The steel-fronted appliance garages over the ovens, for example, are arranged in twos to

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ABOVE: Appliances outfit the kitchen two by two. A pair of wall ovens are installed on a horizontal line to make room for a microwave, concealed behind a lift-up door.

evoke the feeling of an old-fashioned larder. "I chose to work with two-foot modules," Rao says, "because they create a comfortable scale and rhythm in the space. And I played with the dimensions of the cabinetry's recessed panels and made their frames wider to create interesting, more contemporary patterns."

The Wielands report that because of the close attention that has been paid to the myriad design details, the kitchen, despite its size, has quickly become the heart of the home. "I entertain a lot during the day—I have my book club over," Sue says. "Everybody likes to have parties at our house so they can hang out in the kitchen." That, John says, can be a small problem: "Nobody wants to go in any other room." ◆

design points

ULTRA-BIG BASIN
A graphic element in its own right, the deep sink (above) is made of honed black granite. It easily conceals oversize pots and pans used by caterers during events.

SHARP THINKING
As any cook will tell, knives quickly lose their edge when stored in a jumble in drawers. Here, a custom cutlery block (below) protects blades—and fingers—from nicks.

VEGGIE HEAVEN
Particularly for a family that likes their greens hot and healthy, the supreme convenience of a built-in countertop steamer (above) simply can't be underestimated.

HIDDEN ASSETS
In this kitchen, all the base cabinets are white oak. Rather than interrupt this look, the dishwasher (below), which is a finger-print magnet, has been clad in a matching panel.

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greener pastures

A fanciful farmhouse kitchen buzzes with charm

WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY TIM FULLER
STYLED BY ELAINE PAUL

When designer Elizabeth Spengler was working on this eclectic farmhouse kitchen situated on a private airstrip near Tucson, Arizona, she knew exactly what the client wanted in the room—because she herself was the client.

"It had to be cozy and comfortable," says Elizabeth, of the inviting Aussie-inspired farmhouse she shares with her husband Bob, a pilot. Elizabeth's challenge, in fact, was two-fold. She not only had to execute a successful design, it had to be able to hold its own against a backdrop of soaring planes and spectacular view of the Catalina mountains.

The finished space is as exceptional as the view and every bit as exuberant as its owners. The room's generous 23×28-foot dimensions make it perfect for

Putting the range on an island keeps cooking activities central to the room and preserves the view, as well. To that end, even the storage armoire is completely sided with glass.

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ABOVE: Ingredients and equipment are all organized and stored out of sight in the baking station situated between the sink and the refrigerator.

LEFT: A double-bowl apron-front sink coupled with a bridge-style faucet are in keeping with the rustic ambience of the kitchen, as is the beadboard wall treatment and double-hung windows.

entertaining, offering a choice of dining areas, indulgently long stretches of countertop and a full array of pro-style appliances. The island is topped with a curved stone slab and equipped with two dishwashers and a 60-inch range. Hovering above it is a Danish-made ventilation hood that Elizabeth chose for its sculptural shape and custom details, including a built-in pot rack and end shelving. "I like having things handy when I cook," she says.

While the island is the workhorse of the room, it also serves as the anchor point for a major storage component in the kitchen. Because installing a run of view-framing windows meant sacrificing a complete wall of upper cabinets, other provisions for storage had to be made. Elizabeth solved the

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

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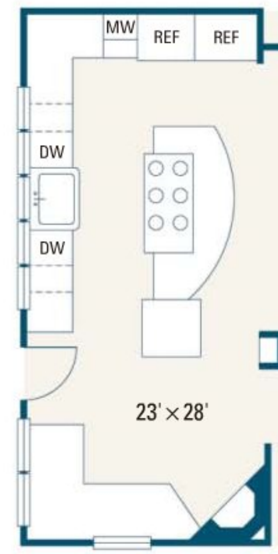
LEFT: An exuberant design element, the armoire opens on all four sides. Note how the band of red diamonds at its midsection echoes the control knobs of the range.



ABOVE: There's no shortage of dining options in this kitchen design. In addition to casual seating at the island, there is a formal eating area as well as an L-shaped banquette—replete with fireplace—off to the sides of the room.

problem by designing a folksy, hand-painted bonnet-topped armoire that accommodates dishes, glasses and silverware. "It opens on all four sides and can be easily loaded from the dishwasher," she says.

A fan and collector of MacKenzie-Childs pottery, she commissioned a decorative painter to incorporate several of its motifs—the colorful guinea fowl, familiar checkerboards and diamond pattern—against a potent palette of apple-green and red for the freestanding cabinet. At her request, the artist included the couple's initials and wedding year. "Personalizing the piece in this way makes it even more special," says Elizabeth.

Notable is the mix of finishes that contribute to the sprightly atmosphere. The arcing island top is fabricated of a slab of French lava-stone that has been glazed, fired and given a crackled finish. "What's nice about this surfacing is that there are no grout joints. Also, it doesn't have to be sealed like some other materials. Scorching is not a problem, either: You can put a hot pot or pan on it with no problem," the designer says.

A 10×12-foot breakfast nook features a corner banquette with upholstered seating, inviting family and friends to take advantage of the view. Equipped with a cozy gas fireplace and within reach of both the espresso machine and self-contained breakfast station, it has become the couple's favorite place to sip coffee or relax with a glass of wine. "We start the day here and end the day here," Elizabeth says.

Cheery colors and collectibles brighten the banquette area. The nook enjoys both a view of the outdoors and a close connection to the kitchen.

There's as much going on inside this kitchen as there is outside it.

ABOVE: An awkward space becomes an essential asset when fitted with a deep utility sink and a bank of cabinets and drawers.

design points

DIVIDE AND CONQUER When you know your storage needs backward and forward, it's not difficult to customize your cabinetry accordingly. Produce compartments (above) in cool, ventilated drawers let you keep staples where they're needed.

CORNER PLAY Pull-and-pivot shelves (below) make the contents of corner cabinets easily accessible to the cook—no more scrounging in those deep, dark recesses. ◆

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COLOR FORMS

A kitchen turns up the heat with cool hues and bold shapes

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH
PHOTOGRAPHS BY TRIA GIOVAN
STYLED BY AUDREY LEE

Punchy colors, sharp angles and a palette of contemporary materials address both the homeowner's demand to "be creative," and architect Carl Finer's quest to "have some fun." Two sinks facilitate cooking as a social experience.

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WOLF

OPPOSITE: **Blocks of green, amber and blue define the wall of the room where the stove stands. The range hood—a wedge of stainless steel—adds shape to the mix.**

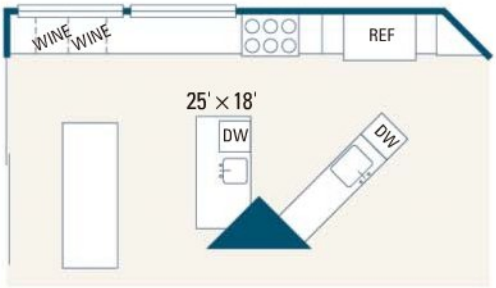
RIGHT: **Even in the smallest details, geometry is a confident presence in the kitchen. Cylindrical knobs play off triangular cutouts in cupboard doors.**

Compared to its neighbors, Barbara Tarmy's home in Bridgehampton, New York, was small and boring. The surrounding houses were the work of a renowned architect, the late Norman Jaffe. Barbara's was a designer's spec house from the 1980s covered in old cedar shingles. When she decided to fix it up, she and architect Carl Finer, of Elterman Finer Architects in New York City, discovered how truly slapdash her place was. "It was not well built at all," Finer says. "The building paper was put on backwards so rain could leak in."

Barbara specifically asked Finer to produce an exciting kitchen space for the family: herself, husband Gary Fradin, and children Alexandra, 16, and Andrew, 12. "This is a weekend home, and the kitchen is the first thing you see when you walk in," she says. "I said, 'OK, Carl, I want you to be creative with this.' I really gave him carte blanche."

Finer came back with the complete opposite of what a previous designer had recommended. "That designer wanted to put in very traditional white-painted cabinets," Finer says. "I thought, Let's have some fun with it. Why are you fighting modern geometry and the very nature of the architecture?"

His solution is strikingly geometric and full of color. Dyed veneers on the cabinets show off festive shades of blue, green and yellow. A peninsula with a sink comes into



ABOVE: Angles figure prominently—and practically—in the floor plan of the room. Skewing the counters where the sinks are located ups the convenience quotient for someone who's doing prep and clean-up tasks; both basins are within easy reach.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

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The designer's solution is strikingly

Making perfect sense for a weekend home, the dining table is strategically placed between the kitchen and the door to the backyard. A wine refrigerator makes grabbing a bottle of cool Chardonnay a natural move.

geometric and full of color.

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design points

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE Leaving the edges of the metal-topped counters (above) unwrapped lets layers of laminated wood show, complementing the way the material is used throughout the kitchen.

ROLL PLAY Storing dishware in drawers (above right) helps curtail the amount of wall cabinets and is an easy-on-the-back ergonomic feature.

LIGHT ON Low-voltage track lighting systems (right) are flexible design elements—literally. The rail can be bent and shaped to take light where it's needed.

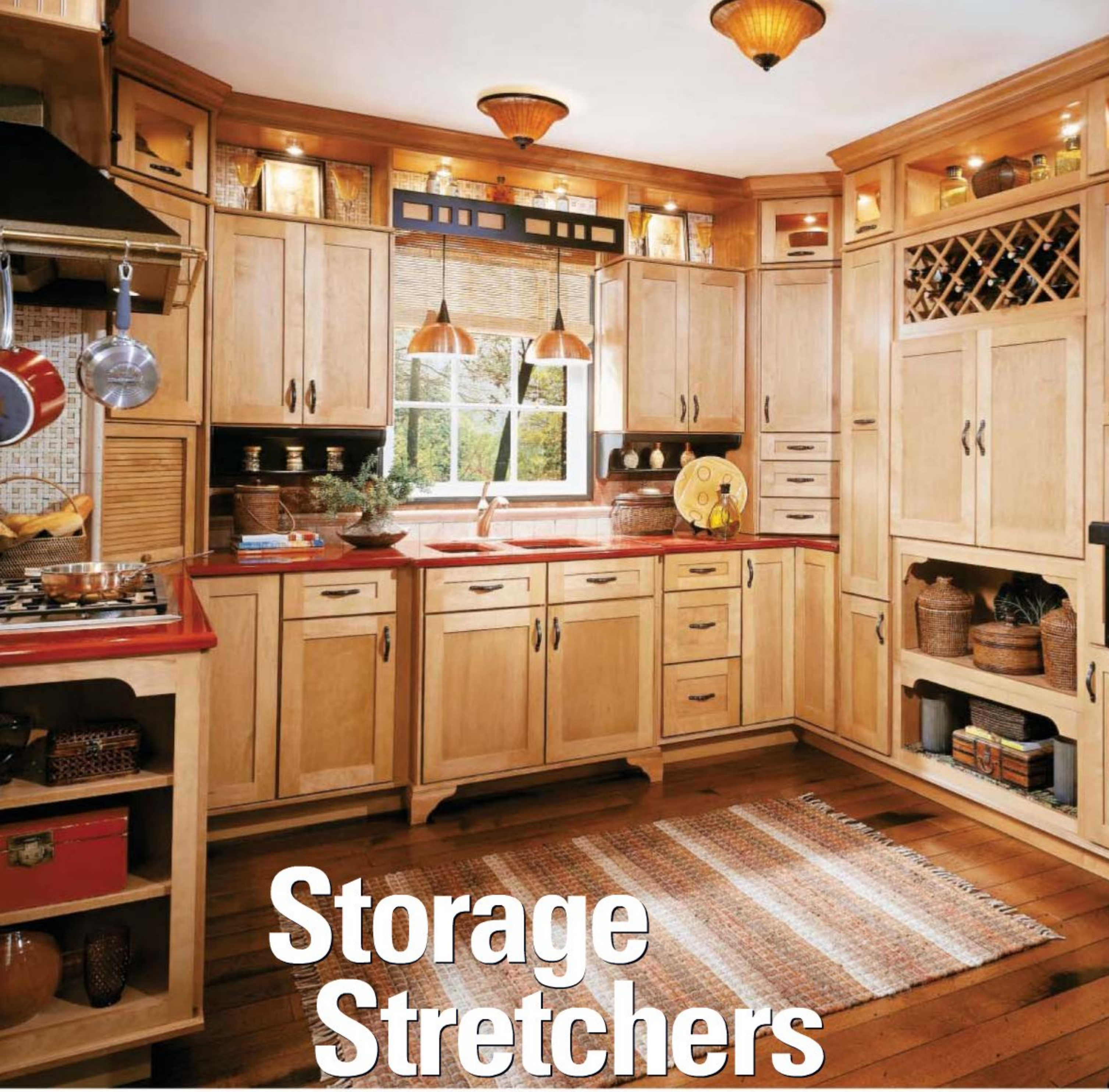
the kitchen at an angle, and a wedge of blue lays over the green panel at the end of the extension. "The outside of this house is typical weathered, white cedar shingles—very monochrome," Finer says. "Then you come inside, and surprise—We're not in Kansas anymore. It's a very vibrant, very whimsical space."

A stainless steel hood over the commercial-style range adds another geometric element. Countertops in stainless steel and cork provide visual counterpoints. Copious windows bring in lots of sunshine, and a glass shelf suspended along the middle of a wall of windows creates interest and storage without blocking the light.

The kitchen opens to the living room and dining room. "It's a family space," Finer says. "Often friends will help out with the cooking, and it becomes part of a big activity." For more than one cook, the kitchen includes a second sink, on a second peninsula. Each sink is dedicated to washing or food prep. "It's incredibly practical," Barbara says. "I can wash dishes and literally turn around to the other sink to do vegetables. Two people can work in it comfortably—and that's generally with one of our dogs at our feet."

Barbara enjoys shopping at local farms in eastern Long Island for eggs, meat and produce in season. Now she has a kitchen that's as fresh—and colorful—as the ingredients she brings home. ◆

Just beyond the kitchen, a handy work station continues the same clean-lined, colorful aesthetic into another part of the house.



Storage Stretchers

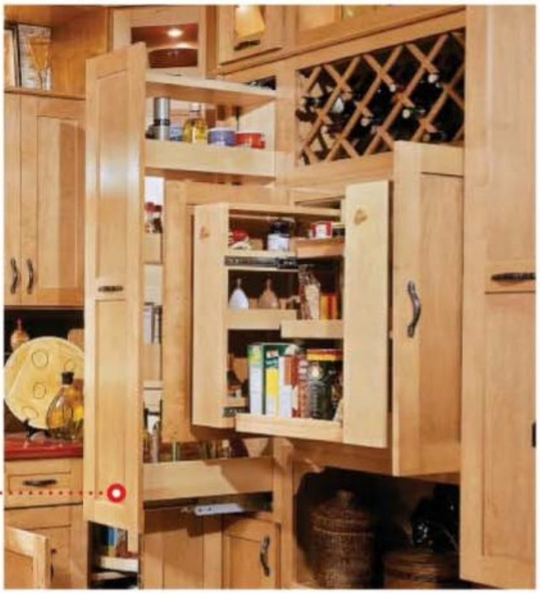
Behind the doors of this mild-mannered kitchen lurk supercharged storage accessories.

Smart organizing features bring order to the hub of the home

WRITTEN BY AYN-MONIQUE TETREAULT-ROONEY

If you've decided to remodel, chances are you've also resolved to keep your new kitchen organized and clutter-free. The best way to accomplish this? Use cabinets fitted with features and accessories that make neatness second nature. An efficient system will help you not only with storage, but with every activity in your kitchen. "Knowing that everything in the kitchen has a home means that items can always be found and that each has a place to go," says designer Robert Reid, of Brooks Reid Studio in Houston. Here's an overview of successful storage ideas.

PHOTOGRAPH: WELLBORN CABINET



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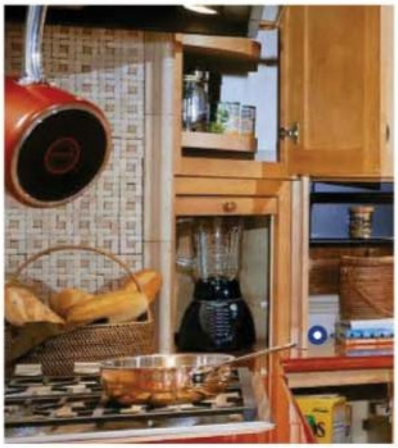
Pull-out mini-pantries and sliding shelves in wall cabinets make it easier to see what's in the cupboard—and what needs replenishing.



POTS & PREP

Appliance garages (note the space-thrifty tambour door shown) can conceal not just blenders or coffee makers, but also the electrical outlets that would otherwise mar the backsplash design.

EATING

Keeping dishware and napery in the same spot saves steps when it's time to set the table. Drawers with adjustable pegs hold plates of differing shapes and sizes securely.

CLEANING

Centralizing cleaning supplies and waste and recycling containers near the main sink is common sense. Including conveniences such as tilt-out catch-alls and sliding bins is a clever enhancement.

storage strategies

1. TAKE INVENTORY Make a list of everything you store in your kitchen, grouping it by items you would like to keep together—cooking oils and spices, for example. Measure the biggest and smallest items.

2. CONSIDER USAGE Categorize your stuff: items you use daily, occasionally and items you use rarely. Keep frequently used items between knee height and eye level and occasional-use items in more distant spots.

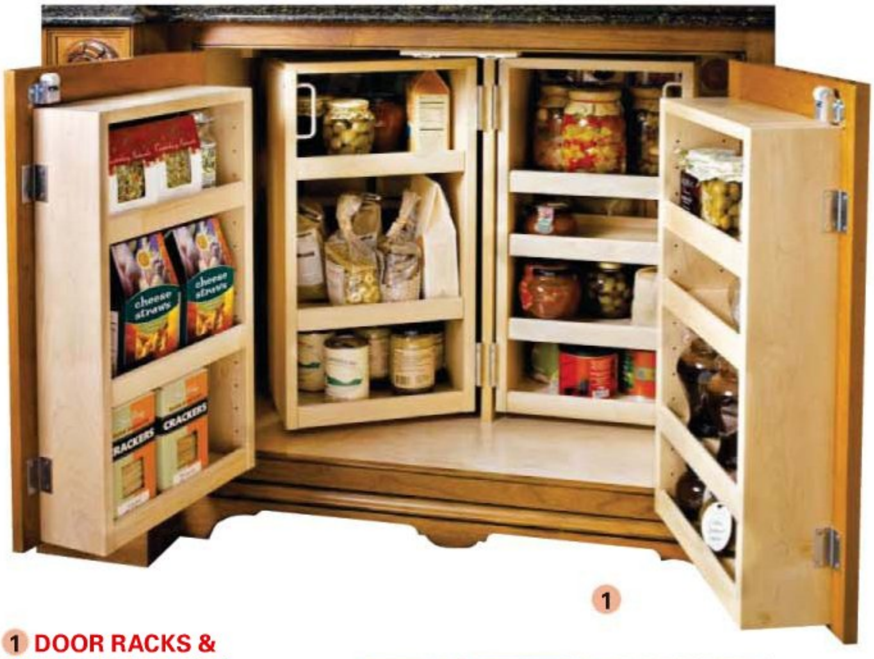
3. ANALYZE YOUR BEHAVIOR How do your shopping and cooking routines affect your storage? Consider what kind of food you buy, if you buy in bulk or a small amount at a time, and how often you cook.

4. LOOK AHEAD Don't be afraid to throw things out, switch things around, or alter your storage options completely. "Think about how you would like to work, not necessarily how you have worked in the past," says Reid.

5. ALLOW FOR LEEWAY Cameron Snyder, of Kitchen Concepts & Roomscapes in Boston, recommends reassessing your storage needs once the new framework is in place. "Often when people redo their kitchens, they're throwing out the old stuff and buying new stuff. You're not sure how you're going to use it." Delay smaller decisions to give yourself time to adjust to your new kitchen.

FOOD

Designing effective food storage depends on your shopping and cooking habits. 1 and 4 For canned goods and packaged foods, a pivoting unit or revolving rack inside a wall or base cabinet gives access to the entire storage space. 2 If you use a lot of fresh produce, pull-out baskets or mesh drawers keep fruits and vegetables cool and well ventilated. 3 Tall bottles fit in shelves with flip-up panels that give more height where it's needed. 5 Spices can be kept neat and at hand in a drawer fitted with an angled insert.



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POTS & PREP

Cookware is optimally kept close to the food prep area. 1 To store small electric appliances in a base cabinet, a swing-up shelf uses a lift-and-lock system to bring the appliance to counter height. 2 Deep drawers under the cooktop house pots where they're used. 3 Cutlery is safe and convenient in pull-out cabinet filler modules. 4 For 90-degree corner cabinets, a "pie-slice" lazy Susan spins contents into reach. 5 Slide-out slots are great for organizing cutting boards and cookie sheets.

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EATING

For maximum convenience, keep plates and silverware close to the points where they're most often used: near the dishwasher and the food prep area. 1 Utensil inserts keep cutlery sharp and in sight. 2 China is easy to grab from an in-drawer rack. 3 For silver settings, drawers can be lined with tarnish-resistant cloth. 4 A built-in bottle rack puts your best vintages on view without squandering space. 5 Often overlooked, the toekick can conceal a shallow drawer for platters.

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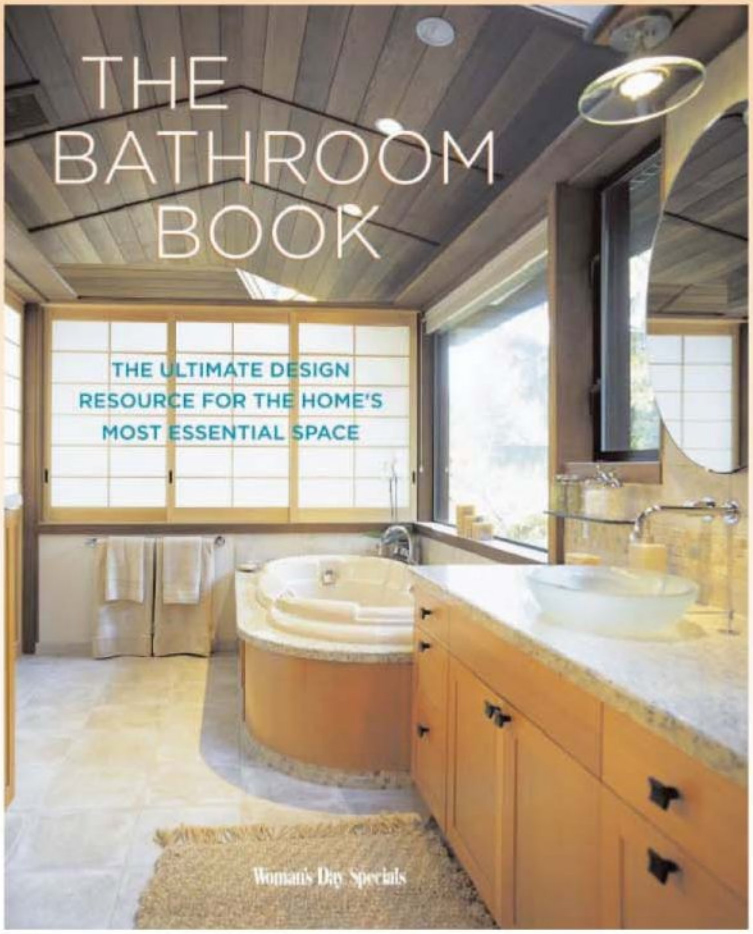

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Contrasting shapes and materials lend drama to a Boston bath

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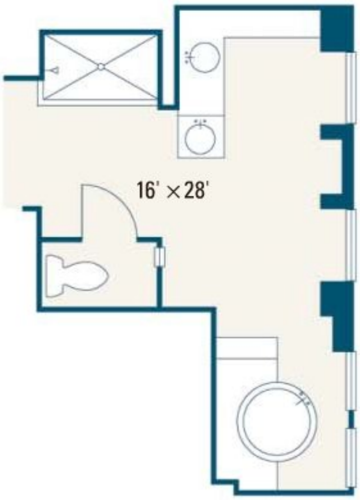
OPPOSITE: A vessel sink installed on a 28-inch-high countertop is the first major element you see upon entering the bath. The sink's roundness is repeated in the circular yokes supporting lanterns that recall the carriage-style lights on the cobblestone streets outside.

LEFT: In the shower, the slate floor tiles have a cleft finish to prevent slipping. Walls are sheet copper, mounted horizontally, with flat seams for an uninterrupted look.

One of the top to-do items for the new owner of a townhouse in Boston's historic Louisberg Square district was the master bath. It had been redone by a previous occupant whose attempt to mimic the home's early-19th-century architecture proved a failure. Enter E.J. Krupinsky, design director of Lee Kimball, a Boston-based design/build firm specializing in renovating vintage properties. He recalls that when his client said she wanted "a meditative environment—soothing and uplifting," he focused his redesign on opening up the space and adding diffused light.

The existing bath, accessed from the master bedroom through a walk-in closet, felt cut up, lacking warmth and focus. Krupinsky's approach, he says, was to remove a dividing wall, "making the bath

ABOVE: **A bright yellow glass door sets the toilet compartment off from the rest of the bath. As a privacy shield, the glass is acid-etched up to countertop height, and the rest is clear.**



ABOVE: A wall that had separated the bath from a walk-in closet was removed. The owner wanted a link between her home's past and present; the designer created a plan whose elements were arranged in a logical, uncluttered order.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

The homeowner dreamed of a space that was "uplifting and soothing."

and closet areas blend into one huge space instead of individual compartments." A separate toilet enclosure remained where it had been, but all the other elements were shifted. The result is a closet, dressing room and spa bath that occupies a 300-square-foot, T-shaped space. There is a wardrobe closet, a separate shoe closet and a bench for donning and removing footwear. Entering the bath area, you see a glassed-in shower opposite the toilet compartment and then the grooming and bathing stations. There are two round sinks; one is a vessel; the other, an undermount. But because of a 6-inch shift in counter heights, both sinks are at the same height.

Across the room from the grooming area is a Japanese-style soaking tub on a raised platform. Behind it is a double-framed mirror—one within the other, off center, bordered with a wide band of mosaic tiles in seven colors. This mirror reflects its twin, which hangs on the far side of the room. White sheer curtains on the bathroom's four existing 9-foot-tall windows provide privacy without filtering out natural light.

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The marble countertop steps down from 34 inches so that the vessel sink and the undermount sink are on the same level. The mirror over the latter hides a medicine cabinet.

design points

TRAY CHIC A tray placed on a stand (above) holds bath oils and other essentials. It can easily be shuttled between sink and tub, as the bather's needs dictate.

IN SINK The single-handle copper faucet behind the copper vessel sink (below left) is a traditional design. "It's a sculptural piece reminiscent of a vintage candle stand," says the designer. This sink, installed on a section of lowered countertop, is at the same level as the undermount sink in the main counter.

HANDY TOWELS A tall, narrow cabinet, located within arm's reach of the tub (below right), is the perfect spot for storing towels and other bathing needs.

RIGHT: A copper Japanese-style soaking tub is set into a platform built three steps up from the bathroom floor. The floor here and the stairs are walnut, suggesting a total change of environment from the cool surfaces in the rest of the room.

"It's a roomful of material contrasts," says the designer. There is copper on sinks, faucets, cabinet knobs, even on the back walls of the shower; there is marble on the countertops, glass on the outer shower wall and toilet-room door. Matte-finish Jerusalem stone comprises much of the floor and Vermont slate is at the base of the shower. Wood also appears—walnut on the tub surround and the steps leading up to it, black-painted furniture-grade wood on cabinets and wall panels. Unchanged, an existing hot-air system heats the space, but, Krupinsky points out, "an electric heating system was installed underneath the stone flooring that can quickly take the chill off that typically cool surface."

The bath has a sculptural feeling, with recurring round shapes and a floor plan that draws you deeper into the space. "The room's hidden treasure is really that tub," says Krupinsky. "The whole point of our design was to pull you in and help you find it." ◆

ABOVE: A tall, two-sided cabinet cleverly provides both strategic privacy and storage in the room.

OPPOSITE: Raised-panel maple cabinets are finished in a mahogany tone, and topped with an elegant crown molding.

success story

A master suite abounds in innovative storage solutions

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Have you ever rifled through drawers searching for a hairbrush or missing nail clippers? If so, you know that efficient bathroom storage is a necessity, not an option. For homeowners Kathy and Mike Greene, it was just one of many flaws they had to contend with since purchasing their 1970s-era ranch in Americus, Georgia. There were also outdated carpeting, old laminate counters and aqua-colored fixtures that needed replacing. "Turquoise looks great in a sweater, but not so great in a tub," says Kathy. "We wanted a traditional, elegant space."

The couple contacted Mary Lafevers, of Inscape Design Studio in Americus to help with the redesign. Her mission was to add scale and substance to the chopped-up space, and create a luxurious bath and closet combination without disturbing the footprint of the room.

Two trouble spots emerged: an awkwardly placed linen closet that gobbled up precious counter space and the walled-off bathing area, which generated a cramped and claustrophobic feeling. To open things up, Lafevers knocked out the wall, replacing it with a custom storage

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Sometimes, the most successful design details aren't even noticeable: For instance, black grout was used with the gridded granite inlay on the floor, resulting in a truly seamless appearance.

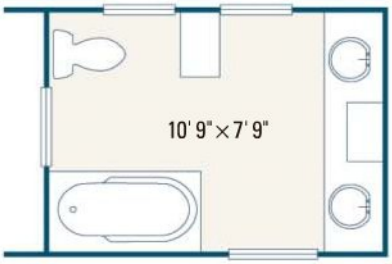
“Our kitchen was redone—but it’s the master bath and closet everyone wants to see.”

tower and pocket doors. Next, both the ceiling and a wall of stock cabinets were beefed up with crown molding. “That made a huge difference,” says the designer, who used molding to replicate wainscoted panels, wrap the columns and add visual heft to the storage tower. “It gives the cabinets more of a furniture feel.”

Additional excitement appears underfoot and again on the shower wall where the designer fabricated an “area rug” using 12-inch porcelain limestone tile accented with black marble bands in a traditional grid pattern.

The focal point of the room (and the owners’ favorite feature) is a custom-built storage tower containing a vanity that offers Kathy a convenient spot to apply makeup. Fabricated from three separate cabinet units, the piece is truly multipurpose; it functions as a privacy wall for the lavatory as well as a storage unit for towels and toiletries.

Part two of the project called for a complete closet overhaul. Originally, the only access to the space was through the bedroom, which posed a problem for Kathy whose schedule allows her to sleep



ABOVE: The floor plan, roughly T-shaped, culminates in a spacious walk-in closet/dressing room. Not only is its placement logical in terms of the daily grooming routine, it also detours around the master bedroom.

design points

CENTRAL STORAGE A pilaster of cabinets (above) separates the sinks in a subtle demarcation of space in the his-and-hers bath. Conventional medicine cabinets are not needed in the room.

BONUS BOUDOIR Behind flip-up and drop-down doors, a makeup center (left) features an adjustable, lighted magnifying mirror.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

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The tub/shower combo is fitted with body sprays and a hand shower to ensure a spalike experience. A pocket door closes off the closet from the bathroom proper.

LEFT: The toilet sits in a secluded but spacious alcove near the tub.

BELOW: With shelves, drawers and multiple hanging rods, the revitalized closet can whip the most disorganized wardrobe into shape.

in later than her husband. "There needed to be a confined area where he could dress and get ready for work that would be minimally intrusive or disturbing," explains Lafevers, who solved the problem by eliminating the closet entry from the room and reworking the layout.

The fitted space features a built-in dresser and hutch in a mahogany finish with plenty of drawers for both husband and wife. There's ample shelves, bilevel hanging storage, a shoe tower, and baskets to corral Kathy's endless collection of flip-flops. The piece eliminates the need for a bureau in the bedroom, allowing that room to be less cluttered and more serene. Kathy and her husband couldn't be happier with the outcome. "I've also had my kitchen redone, but no one is interested in looking at it," Kathy says. "It's the master bath and closet that everybody wants to see." ◆

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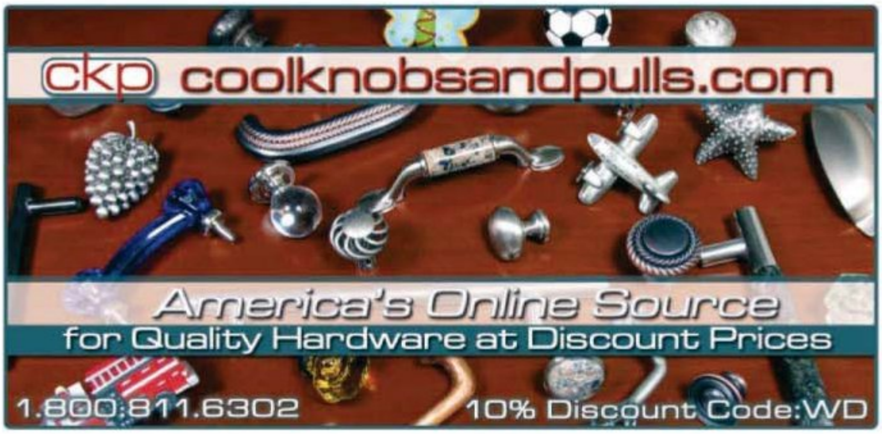
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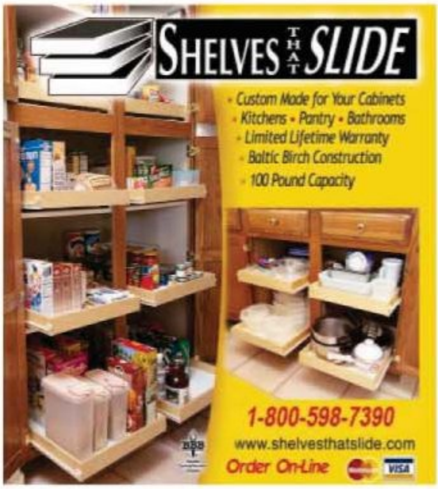
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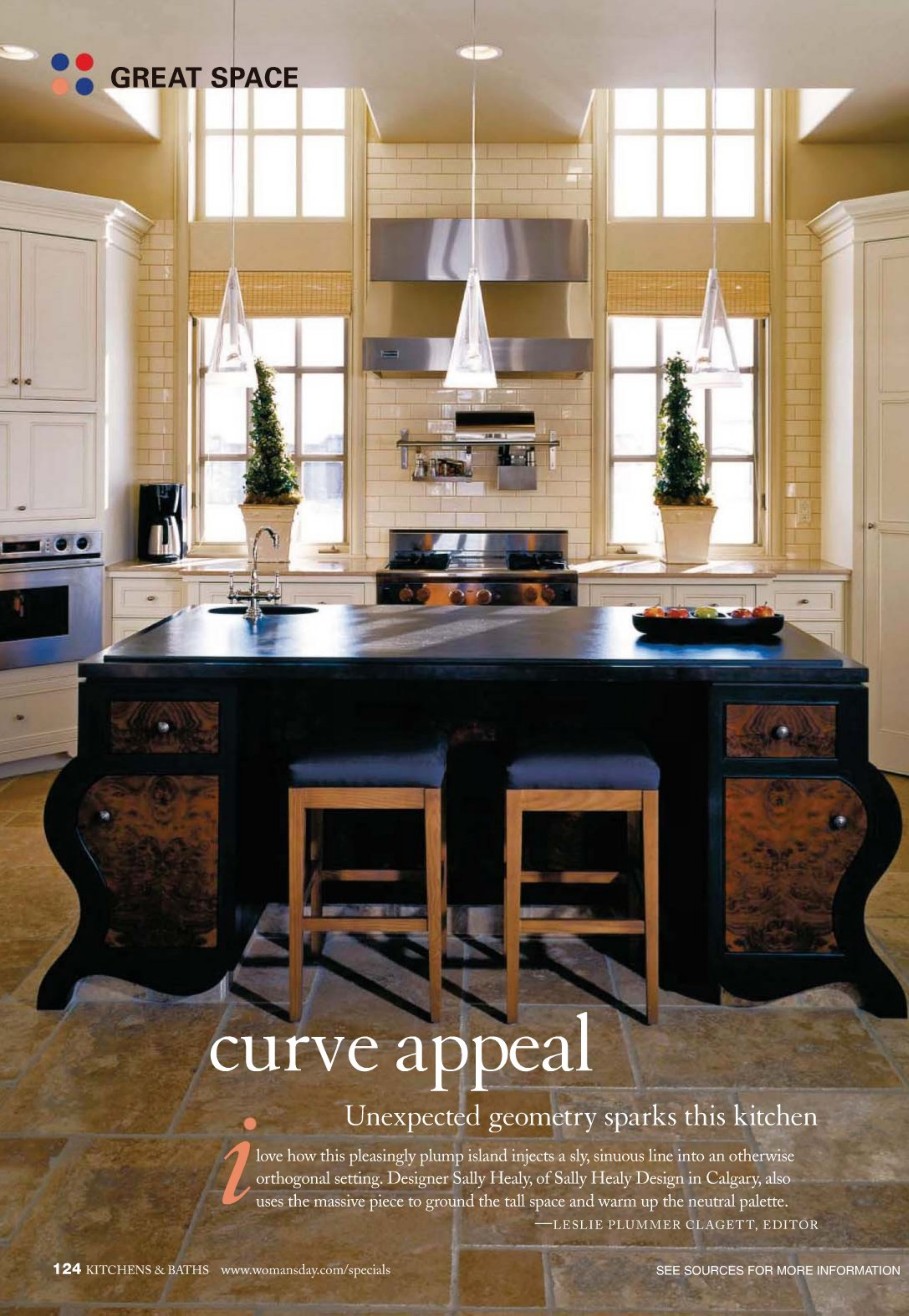

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